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Information Disclosure Statement – Information Requirement

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

The information is required to enter in the record the art suggested by the applicant as relevant to this examination in Information Disclosure Statement dated 11/15/2005 with reference to Japanese Patent Application 2002-157095. With reference to the provided English translation of the Abstract of the cited art, as well as figure 5 of the cited art, the Examiner requests an English translation of the cited art. The Examiner notes the English language submission of Japanese Patent Office Notice of Ground of Rejection dated August 16, 2005, and Japanese Patent Office Final Decision for Rejection dated November 15, 2005, both of which cite Japanese Patent Application 2002-157095 as a cited reference relied upon for rejection of functionally equivalent limitations.

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Conclusion

2. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Grant Ford whose telephone number is (571)272-8630. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30 Mon-Thurs alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571)272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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